

An Explanation of Graduation Honors

General McLane High School

Class of 2020

At General McLane High School, we believe it is important to recognize academic achievement, completion of the requirements of our Academies, completion of the requirements of the Erie County Technical School, Military commitments, and acceptance in the National Honor Society.

Academic Achievement: The class of 2020 is the first class to be recognized according to the Latin Recognition System. The following grade point averages/ranges are recognized by symbol in the commencement program and with a pin to be worn on the commencement stole:

Cum Laude: 3.75 - 3.99 (Bronze Pin)

Magna Cum Laude : 4.0 - 4.39 (Silver Pin)

Summa Cum Laude: 4.4 and above (Gold Pin, Plaque, Opportunity to Speak at Commencement)

For the class of 2020, projections needed to be made in order to accommodate the senior commencement recording schedule. The commencement program and accompanying symbols will accurately represent honors. Any student who was projected to have earned an honor will be honored in the program.

Commencement speakers wear **Gold** cords at commencement.

The Academy of Medical Arts and Engineering: Students are accepted into the Academy of Medical Arts and Engineering at the end of their freshman year. Successful graduates of the academy have taken and completed prescribed courses at General McLane, attended presentations, and completed internship/shadowing hours. Academy students are recognized in the commencement program by symbol.

The Academy of Medical Arts and Engineering students wear **Red** and **White** cords at commencement.

The Manufacturing Academy: Students are accepted into the Manufacturing Academy during their sophomore year. These students complete prescribed courses, complete shadowing experiences and an internship. Additionally, some students also complete the Quality Assurance Program through a partnership between General McLane and Edinboro University. Manufacturing Academy students are recognized in the commencement program by symbol.

Manufacturing Academy students wear Silver cords at commencement.

The Education Academy: Students begin work in the Education Academy as juniors. These aspiring educators work directly with elementary students at both Edinboro and McKean elementary schools in a formal, nine week class, volunteer to work for a quarter in a classroom at the high school or middle school, volunteer to eat lunch with the elementary students during lunches throughout the school year, and volunteer as a tutor in the *GM Thrives* Program. Special consideration is given to students who volunteered their time to assist in classrooms throughout the district. In order to earn this recognition, students must have completed three of the five opportunities listed above. Education Academy students are recognized in the commencement program by symbol.

Education Academy students wear Red, White and Silver cords at commencement.

Erie County Technical School: General McLane High School students who attend the Erie County Technical School are recognized in the commencement program by symbol. ECTS students attend both a ceremony for ECTS and a ceremony for General McLane.

Erie County Technical School students wear Green cords at commencement.

Military Commitments: General McLane students who have committed to the United States military are recognized in an annual signing day and individually at commencement. Cords are not provided for the military students. However, in many cases the military provides cords for students to wear to commencement. Military cords are the only cords permitted to be worn that are provided by an outside agency.

The National Honor Society: Students apply to the National Honor Society at the beginning of their junior or senior year of high school. Students who are accepted into NHS are inducted at an annual ceremony. NHS students are committed to upholding the standards of the organization which include Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

National Honor Society students wear **Blue** cords at commencement.